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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: DISCUSSION OF NAC RESULTS WITH
PANAMIAN DELEGATE.

1. PANAMANIAN PERMREP TO UN ILLUECA DISCUSSED NAC RESULTS WITH EMBOFF MORNING AUGUST 20. FROM GENERAL REVIEW OF CONFERENCE ILLUECA BROUGHT CONVERSATION AROUND TO CANAL ZONE ISSUE TO DESCRIBE PANAMANIAN HANDLING OF IT.

2. ACCORDING TO ILLUECA, PANAMA NOW HAD TWO ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR IN INTERNATIONAL ARENA ON CANAL ISSUE: SANTIAGO RESULTS AND NAC ENDORSEMENT. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO FACT THAT CUBA AHD INTRODUCED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ECONOMIC DECLARATION WHICH SPOKE OF CANAL ZONE IN EXCESSIVELY HARSH TERMS. PANAMA HAD COUNTERED WITH ITS OWN TEXT (COLOMBO 3010 NOTAL) WHICH WAS INTENDED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH LANGUAGE OF SANTIAGO. PANAMA SUCCESSFULLY WON SUPPORT OF ENTIRE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP AT NAC FOR ITS LANGUAGE AND CUBA WITHDREW ITS OWN FORMULATION.

3. ILLUECA THEN TURNED TO FUTURE PROSPECTS AND MADE PLEA FOR "SPEEDING UP" OF NEGOTIATING PROGRESS.

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USING GENERALITIES TO COVER SPECIFICS, HE SAID

UNRESPONSIVE US STANCE ON ISSUES OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA WAS DRIVING LATIN AMERICANS TO LOOK TO EXTRA-HEMISPHERIC ORGANIZATIONS ON REGIONAL ISSUES. NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, WAS ESSENTIALLY AFRICAN AND ASIAN GROUP WITH WHICH LATIN AMERICAN INTERESTS ARE TO A LARGE EXTENT DIVERGENT. ILLUECA EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE USG WOULD APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR. (COMMENT: ILLUECA CLEARLY SAID "THIS YEAR" BUT DID NOT GIVE WORDS SPECIAL STRESS.)

4. ILLUECA DESCRIBED SPLIT WITHIN NAM BETWEEN MINORITY WHICH SAW "SOCIALIST CAMP" AS NATURAL ALLY OF THE NON-ALIGNED AND THE MAJORITY WHICH WISHED TO MAINTAIN EQUIDISTANT STAND BETWEEN SUPER POWERS. THIS HE FOUND REFLECTED IN DEBATE ON IOPZ, ECONOMIC ISSUES, AND EVEN TURNS OF PHRASE THROUGHOUT TEXT WHICH OCCASIONED LENGTHY DRAFTING EXERCISES. IT WAS CLEAR FROM HIS REMARKS IN THIS REGARD, AS WELL AS HIS COMMENTS ON NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, THAT HE HIMSELF FALLS WELL TO THE MODERATE SIDE IN THE NAM SPECTRUM.
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